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OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Requirement for Information

1. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.

Information relating to the state of the prior art as it pertains to methods of detecting moisture in buildings and the equipment employed in such methods.

In response to this requirement, please provide the names of any products or services that have incorporated the claimed subject matter.

In response to this requirement, please provide the names of any products or services that have incorporated the disclosed prior art as it relates to the detection of moisture, particularly moisture in buildings and other structures.

In response to this requirement, please state the specific improvements of the subject matter in claims 8, 10-13, 16-32, 34-37, and 39-53 over the disclosed prior art and indicate the specific elements in the claimed subject matter that provide those improvements. For those claims expressed as means or steps plus function, please provide the specific page and line numbers within the disclosure which describe the claimed structure and acts.

In response to this requirement, please identify any use of the subject matter in claims 8, 10-13, 16-32, 34-37, and 39-53 known to any of the inventors at the time of the application was filed notwithstanding the date of such use.

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2. The information is required to identify products and services embodying the disclosed subject matter of claims 8, 10-13, 16-32, 34-37, and 39-53 and identify the properties of similar products and services found in the prior art or in use at the time the application was filed.

3. The examiner has determined that this information is reasonably necessary because the lack of relevant prior art, particularly as it pertains to locating moisture in buildings, justifies asking the applicant if he or she has information that would be relevant to the patentability determination.

4. The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97.

5. The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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7. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of 2 months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

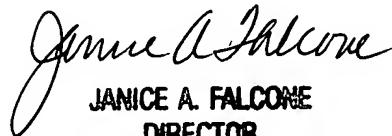
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Albert J. Gagliardi whose telephone number is (703) 305-0417. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank G. Font can be reached on (703) 308-4881. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9318 for regular communications and (703) 872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.


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